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SUBJECT: UNESCO: HIGH LEVEL RECRUITMENT

1. DG M'BOW HAS IN RECENT PAST OFFERED THE U.S. ANY ONE OF THREE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL POSITIONS: SOCIAL SCIENCE, OR EITHER OF THE TWO NEWLY CREATED ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS. MRS. HILDEBRANDT STILL OCCUPIES SOCIAL SCIENCE POSITION, BUT IT IS WIDELY KNOWN THAT SHE WILL NOT BE REAPPOINTED. WE HAVE JUST HEARD THAT M'BOW MAY BE THINKING OF MOVING MAKAGIANSAR FROM CULTURE AND COMMUNICATIONS TO SOCIAL SCIENCE, AND MAKING A VENEZUELAN THE ADG FOR CULTURE AND COMMUNICATIONS.

2. SOCIAL SCIENCE SECTOR IS BECOMING MORE SIGNIFICANT, BOTH IN TERMS OF PROGRAM AND POLITICAL ISSUES. THE SOVIETS ARE MAKING A PUSH TO DEVOTE A MAJOR PART OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE SECTOR'S RESOURCES TO PEACE AND DISARMAMENT, CONSISTENT WITH THEIR OWN MAJOR POLICY
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OBJECTIVES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. TO THE EXTENT THEY SUCCEED, THEY WILL ALSO DIVERT RESOURCES AWAY FROM HUMAN RIGHTS. THE HUMAN RIGHTS FUNCTION OF THE SECTOR IS ABOUT TO BE ENHANCED WITH THE TRANSFER OUT OF THE LEGAL OFFICE TO THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN EDUCATION (SERVICED BY THE SOCIAL SCIENCE SECTOR) OF THE RESPONSIBILITY

FOR DETERMINING THE RECEIVABILITY OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMUNICATIONS (I.E., COMPLAINTS). SOCIAL SCIENCE ALSO HAS THE RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE RESPONSIBILITY.

3. THE TWO NEW ADMINISTATIVE ADG POSITIONS REMAIN UNATTRACTIVE, BEING STRIPPED OF ALL SIGNIFICANT POLICY MAKING INFLUENCE. ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE GREATLY IN THE U.S. INTEREST TO HAVE THE ADG POSITION IN CULTURE AND COMMUNICATION BECAUSE OF ITS INFLUENCE ON THE EXPLOSIVE ISSUE OF MASS MEDIA, FOR THAT VERY REASON, IT IS IMPROBABLY THAT M'BOW WOULD GIVE IT TO US.

4. PERMDEL, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH NATCOM MEMBERS BUERGENTHAL, LYONS, AND TORNEY, RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDER SEEKING THE ADG FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE POSITION. WE FURTHER RECOMMEND, THAT IF DEPARTMENT AGREES TO DO SO, M'BOW BE APPROACHED AT A HIGH LEVEL WHEN HE IS IN NEW YORK MAY 26-27, AND TOLD OF OUR WISH TO HAVE THE POSITION. WHATEVER HE MAY BE THINKING OF, HE HAS NOT, AS OF THIS WRITING, MADE ANY ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING AN APPOINTMENT TO THIS POSITION, NOR HAS HE WITHDRAWN HIS OFFER OF THE POSITION TO US. HE MAY BE ON THE VERGE OF DOING SO, HOWEVER.

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5. SHOULD M'BOW COUNTER OUR REQUEST BY ASKING WHOM WE HAVE IN MIND, A POSSIBLE REPLY WOULD BE THAT WE WANT TO CHECK AVAILABILITY OF THE POSITION ONCE MORE BEFORE STIMULATING INTEREST AMONG TOP-LEVEL CANDIDATES, BUT THAT WE WOULD PROPOSE MORE THAN ONE NAME TO HIM SO THAT HE WOULD HAVE A CHOICE.
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